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Former Miss World contestant Sherika De Armas dead at 26 after a two-year battle with cervical cancer as heartbroken friends pay tribute to 'one of the most beautiful women I have ever met in my life'

- **The Uruguayan beauty queen privately battled cervical cancer for two years**
- **When she was 18, she represented her country on the world stage at the 2015 Miss World pageant**
- **Family and friends flooded social media with tributes to the young woman, whose work included charitable endeavors as well as a self-founded beauty line**

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Uruguayan beauty queen Sherika de Armas, who represented her country at the Miss World competition in 2015 died last week at the age of 26.

Local reports say she died following a two-year battle with cervical **cancer**.

Friends and family publicly mourned the young woman. Her brother, Mayk' De Armas wrote: 'Fly high, little sister. Always and forever.'

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The current Miss Uruguay, Carla Romero wrote that De Armas was 'too evolved for this world.'

She added that the stunning brunette was 'one of the most beautiful women I have ever met in my life.'

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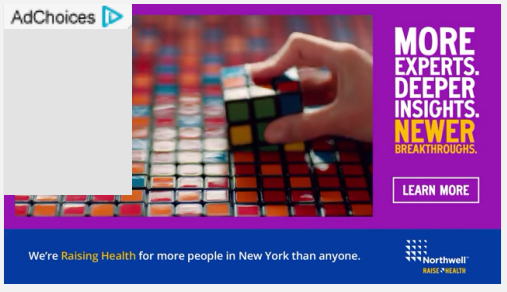

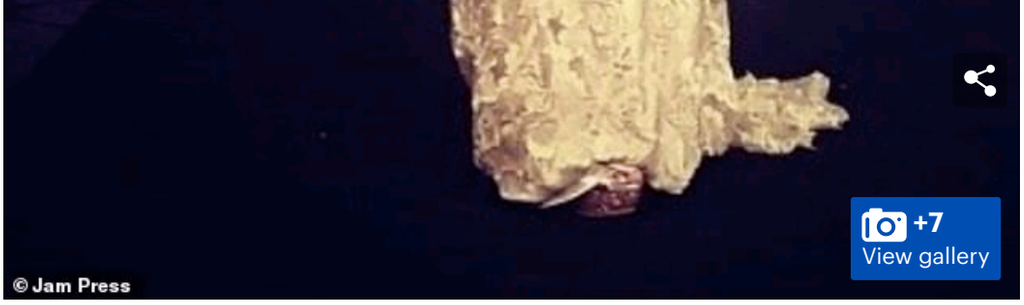

Sherika De Armas, 26, passed away last week following a two year battle with cervical cancer, according to local Uruguayan media

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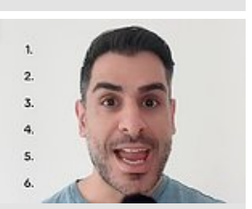

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Lola de los Santos, the 2021 winner of Miss Uruguay, also offered her condolences to the early passing of De Armas.

At the 2015 Miss World competition, which was held in Sanya, **China**, De Armas was one of the only then-18-year-olds to compete.

Though she did not make the top 30 in the competition, she was called 'one of the young promising talents of Uruguay' for her 'beautiful face, towering height and charismatic personality.'

In her non-pageant life, De Armas sold beauty and lifestyle products through the Shey De Armas Beauty Studio, which she founded.

In a previous Spanish-language interview, De Armas said she had 'always wanted to be a mode, whether a beauty model, an advertising model or a catwalk model.'

'I like everything related to fashion and I think that within a beauty pageant, any girl's dream is to have the opportunity to participate in Miss World. I am very happy to be able to live this experience full of challenges,' she said.

In addition to her pageant and beauty-line pursuits, Dar Armas also devoted her time to the Pérez Scremini Foundation, which helps fight childhood cancer.

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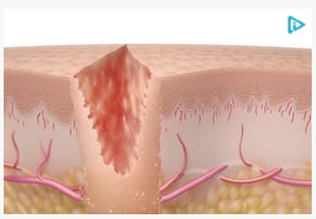

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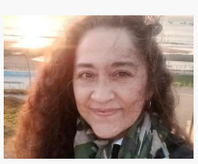

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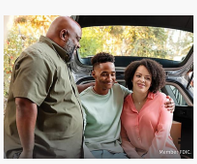

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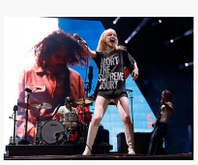

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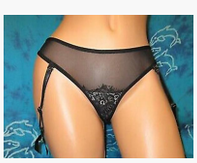

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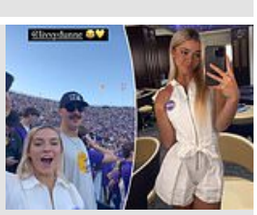

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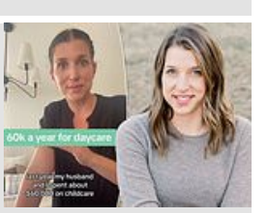

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